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SANITARY LEGISLATION.

STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

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Railway Stations—Closets or Privies Required. (Act Apr. 10, 1913.)

SECTION 1. That at all railway stations in this State, where a depot and waiting rooms for passengers are maintained, there shall be within the same or connected therewith sanitary closets, including separate closets for women, which in cities or towns having a system of sewerage, so located that the same can be reasonably used by the railroad property, shall be thoroughly drained, constructed, and plumbed according to approved sanitary principles and said depots and closets shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition, free from any offensive odors. Depots in cities or towns not provided with a sewerage system shall be provided with privies or closets properly screened and separated for the use of males and females, which shall be cleaned and disinfected as often as necessary to keep and maintain them in an approved sanitary condition.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the hotel inspector and his deputies to see that the provisions of the act are fully complied with and on complaint being filed by an employee or patron of the railway company shall by himself or deputy personally inspect the same.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the inspector upon ascertaining, by inspection or otherwise, that any railroad company has not complied with the provisions of this act at any of its depots, to notify the station agent of such depot, in writing, stating in what respect it is delinquent and requiring it in a reasonable time, to be fixed by the inspector, to do or cause to be done the things necessary to make it comply with the law.

SEC. 4. Any railroad company, which after receiving said notice fails to comply, within the time fixed, with the provisions of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not exceeding \$100 for each offense and the inspector shall file information in such a case.

SEC. 5. Such railroad companies shall pay a fee of \$5 to the person making the inspection. If there is no cause of complaint, the person complaining shall be liable for such fee. All fees shall forthwith be paid over to the State treasurer to be kept in the hotel inspection fund.

SEC. 6. The inspector shall be allowed his necessary expenses while engaged in the actual work of inspection, to be audited and paid out of the hotel inspection fund as provided in section 13 thereof.